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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Elizabeth Gemmell

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 November 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5-23 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 November 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, all hole layers (i.e.: hole injection, hole transport, etc.) must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

Claims 5,6,8,10,11,12,14,15,16,18,19-22 are objected to because of the following informalities:

- Claim 5: It is unclear whether the electroluminescent layer is a combination of all three of the claimed material or if the electroluminescent layer is chosen from one of the three. If the electroluminescent layer should be chosen from one of the three materials, the claim must be in Markush form: reciting members as being "selected from the group consisting of A,B and C". See MPEP §2173.05h.

- Claims 8,14,18: It seems as though these claims should also be in Markush form.
- Claims 6,10,11,12,15,16,19-22: The term respectively should be omitted from all claims.

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4 are allowable over the prior art.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The best prior art of record discloses a conventional plasma display panel. However, the prior art fails to disclose a plasma switched electroluminescent display comprising an electroluminescent part including a cathode layer, an electroluminescent layer on the cathode layer and an anode layer on the electroluminescent layer as claimed in claim 1. Claims 2-4 are allowable by virtue of their dependency.

If the objections as cited above be overcome, claims 5-23 would also be allowable over the prior art.

Re claims 6-23: The best prior art of record also fails to teach or fairly suggest a plasma switched organic electroluminescent display comprising a substrate including a plurality of address electrodes, a plurality of anode layers placed next to the address electrodes, a plurality of inner insulating/separating layers formed on the substrate and having an address electrode opening exposing the corresponding address electrode and an anode opening exposing the corresponding anode, a plurality of electroluminescent layers formed on the insulating/separating layers and a plurality of cathode layer formed on the electroluminescent layers as claimed in claims 6,12 and 16. Claims 7-11,13-15 and 17-23 would be allowable by virtue of their dependency.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- US Patent 6,297,590 discloses exposed electrodes, but fails to disclose an electroluminescent layer between the exposed electrodes.
- US Patent 6,531,820 discloses exposed electrodes and an electroluminescent layer but the electroluminescent layer is not on the same substrate as the exposed electrodes.
- JP Patent 7-147189 discloses an organic electroluminescent device used for a plasma panel.

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This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

As shown above.


Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.


A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elizabeth Gemmell whose telephone number is (703) 305-1937. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:30-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ed Glick can be reached on (703) 308-4858. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-7722 for regular communications and (703) 308-7722 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.


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